

REMARKS

Claims 34 - 57 are pending. Claims 45, 55, and 56 have been amended for form. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the April 15 Office Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure because the applicants had not provided an updated copending application number. The applicants have amended the specification to provide the updated copending application number.

In the April 15 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 34 - 57 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 - 24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,362 (the '362 patent). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants have enclosed herewith a terminal disclaimer which is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c). Applicants authorize the charging of the Deposit Account 16-1805 for the terminal disclaimer fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d). The terminal disclaimer identifies that the conflicting patent is commonly owned by the same entity that owns the present application as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b). Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection for claims 34 - 57 be withdrawn.

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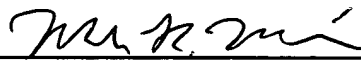
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Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7400 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

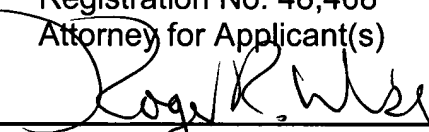
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